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(Signed)

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REGISTRATION OF NURSES IN ENGLAND.

A bill has been introduced into the British Parliament for the purpose of securing the registration of nurses and the institution of a general nursing council. The latter is to comprise 25 members, as follows:

(a) Two persons, who shall not be registered medical practitioners, or nurses, or persons concerned with the regular direction or provision of the services of nurses, appointed by the privy council.

(b) Two persons appointed by the board of education.

(c) Five persons appointed by the minister of health, after consultation with persons and bodies having special knowledge and experience of training schools for nurses, of the work of matrons of hospitals, of general and special nursing services, and of general and special medical practice.

(d) Sixteen persons who are or have at some time been nurses actually engaged in rendering services in direct connection with the nursing of the sick, appointed by the minister of health after consultation with the central committee for the State registration of nurses, the College of Nursing, the Royal British Nurses' Association, and such other associations or organized bodies of nurses or matrons as represent to the minister that they desire to be consulted in the matter.

The foregoing council will act for a term not exceeding three years, after which time the council will consist of nine persons appointed by the privy council, board of education, and the minister of health respectively, and 16 others, registered as nurses under the act, who will be elected in accordance with the prescribed scheme. This body will hold office for five years.

The work of the council will include the formation and maintenance of a register, divided into five sections:

- (a) All nurses other than those mentioned below.
- (b) Male nurses.
- (c) Mental nurses.

(d) Nurses trained in the nursing of sick children.

(e) Any other prescribed class.

And its further duties will consist of the drafting of rules for regulating the formation, maintenance, and publication of the register; the conditions of admission; the conduct of examinations; the removal of the names of nurses from, and their restoration to the register; and generally for making provision for carrying the act into effect, with provision for the issuance of certificates to registered nurses and establishing the uniforms or badges to be worn. The rules must further prescribe the qualification of candidates for admission to the register. A fee not exceeding one pound and one shilling will be charged for registration, and two shillings six pence per annum thereafter.

Nurses trained in the colonies and dominions may be admitted to register, and appeals may be made to the high court in cases of removal from the register, or of refusal on the part of the council to approve an institution for training purposes.

A CALL FOR NATION-WIDE HEALTH CONSERVATION.

In a letter sent recently by Surg. Gen. Blue to State and city health officers, to the head of the American Red Cross, the American Public Health Association, the American Medical Association, the National Tuberculosis Association, the International Health Commission, the National Safety Council, the American Child Hygiene Association, and other health agencies, the suggestion was made to hold a conference in Washington to consider a health program prepared by the Public Health Service. Practically all of these agencies have under consideration some plan of health conservation and unless the work can be coordinated and properly directed, little will be accomplished, and there will be much overlapping of effort and waste of funds.

The response to the bureau's suggestion was most favorable, as can be seen from the excerpts printed below. Accordingly a call has been issued designating January 26, 1920, as the date on which the conference will meet, and invitations have been extended to health officers, sanitarians, and representatives of important national health organizations to participate in its deliberations.

The public does not realize what has already been accomplished in the field of preventive medicine or what can be done by carefully executed health program which is cumulative and continuous rather than spasmodic and desultory in character.

In 1900 the general death rate from all causes in the registration area of the United States was 17.6—in 1917, the latest period for which figures are available, it had been reduced to 14.2. Had the